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Good Morning:

This is the morning after the greatest basketball season in Muhlenberg's history. If you've seen any newspapers in the last few days, including the STARS AND STRIPES and YANK, you've read about it and you've heard how Muhlenberg finally lost the first round of the National Invitational Tournament in Madison Square Garden.

The Blue Demons of DePaul University, favored to win the tournament, took the measure of Muhlenberg's Marine and Navy team by the score of 68 to 45 to eliminate the Mules from further tourney play. But it was not until the final quarter of the game that the powerful Chicago team, paced by 6 foot 9 inch George Mikan who scored 27 of his team's points, put the game on ice with a spurt the Mules were unable to stop. Sports writers and those who saw the game are betting that no one else will be able to stop them.

But here on the campus we're still cheering for the team and for Coach Julian for taking Muhlenberg to previously unattained heights in inter-collegiate athletics.

The last time we wrote to you we brought you up-to-date on the regular season and its record of 20 victories in 23 starts. In a post-season game last Saturday night, the powerful Sampson Naval Training Station Team defeated us 52 to 47.

So much for basketball. Now we'll begin thinking about track, baseball, and perhaps tennis.

Jot this one down in your geography books: There's now a LAKE MUHLENBERG. By action of Allentown's City Council, the municipal boating lake along the Cedar Creek Parkway just south of the campus, has officially been given that name in honor of the College and because of its proximity to it. It's a great spot for boating during the summer (when the College or the City acquire some boats) and popular for ice skating in the winter. You'll probably remember the spot we're talking about and we hope you'll get as great a kick out of the name as we do.

During the past few weeks there have been a few changes on the campus. John W. Oberley, president of the Allentown Business College, has been named business officer of Muhlenberg, a temporary war-time appointment, and Alvin W. Hartzell has been named to the newly created position of superintendent of buildings and grounds. They're taking over some of the responsibilities John Wagner left behind him when he took on new ones in the Navy.

The third term of Muhlenberg's current academic year is now well under way with another strong Naval unit on board for training under the V-12 program. Civilian enrollment took another slight decrease--entirely anticipated because of selective service regulations--to 122



men. At that we're doing much better than many other colleges and universities, some of them normally much larger than Muhlenberg. Everybody is still busier than the proverbial--you name it.

Talking about new students, we are proud to number among our men in civilian ranks Edwin P. Bastian of Trexlertown, who was with the first Marines to land on Guadalcanal. Bastian, who was severely wounded in battle, has been given a medical discharge and, under the rehabilitation program of the U.S. Veteran's Administration, entered Muhlenberg to begin his training for the ministry. After completing his college course he plans to enter Mount Airy Seminary. He is the first veteran of World War II to enter Muhlenberg as a freshman. You can help your College by telling men in your company about Muhlenberg and suggesting it as a part of their post-war plans.

The number of men who are with you in uniform is still growing. Today our list includes 889 names--men serving in all parts of the world and training in all parts of this country. So far as we can tell from the addresses on file 139 of our men in the Army are serving overseas, 45 of our Navy men are at sea, and 10 of our Marines have APO addresses. This letter will go to all of them and it is going also to men in 43 of the 48 states, skipping only Iowa, Montana, North Dakota, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

Today Mrs. Ritter and my Girl Friday are reading the proof of the March issue of the Alumni Magazine. You'll be receiving your copy shortly if we have your correct address on file. In the issue we are listing the names of all Alumni in service under a geographical arrangement which will help you determine whether we have your most recent address. When you get the Magazine, please check the list for your own name and the names of any other Muhlenberg men you know to be in the armed forces. We are anxious to keep in touch with all of you. Thanks.

Promotions are still coming in--proving that you fellows do get along. Here are the most recent we have: CAPTAIN Clair J. Merkle '29, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER Myles R. Miller '30, CORPORAL Joseph Friedman '33, LIEUTENANT Rodney Arner, '44, LIEUTENANT Kenneth Struble '43, CAPTAIN George Smith '28, LIEUTENANT (J.G.) Alexander W. Busby '42, SECOND LIEUTENANT Maurice Horn '43, LIEUTENANT (J.G.) Gordon Williams '39, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS W. Clarke Wescoe '41, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS William J. Beard '44, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS George P. Nittolo '44, FIRST LIEUTENANT Paul H. Nicholas '40, STAFF SERGEANT Harry Becker '43, COMMANDER J.S. Miller '24.

The mail has been particularly heavy during the past two weeks.

Chaplain Ernest W. Moyer '15 writes from the Station Hospital at Fort Sill, Oklahoma that his personal contacts with patients average 1,400 each month. He had the interesting experience of speaking to the Comanche Indians at the nearby reservation and the choir of their church presented a Christmas pageant for the men of the Fort Sill Post.

Wellace J. Eberts '43 is still blowing that trumpet, sounding notes familiar on the campus for four years. He is stationed at the Billings General Hospital at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana and is a member of the Fourth Medical Training Regiment Band which played before President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, and other dignitaries during the Third War Loan show on the Washington Monument grounds. It's double duty for him because he's also on the job in the hospital.

Lieutenant Charles R. Eisenhart '33 is teaching meteorology to Navigation Cadets at the Hondo Army Air Field, Hondo, Texas. The news letter a few weeks ago helped Lieutenant Colonel Luther Gerhard '22 a chaplain in the Marine Corps, and Lieutenant (j.g.) Thomas Richter, '38 a Navy chaplain, get together in San Diego, California. On duty at the Boston Port of Embarkation Army Base, Paul H. Nicholas has just been advanced to the rank of First Lieutenant.



Lieutenant (j.g.) Alex Busby '42 now serving with the fleet, recently ran into Jack Clifford '43 and Bill Kuzmiak '42. He took Kuzmiak for a ride in his ship but is afraid to go for an airplane ride with Bill for fear it will make him feel like the roll and the pitch of his own ship. Capt. George Smith '28 describes himself as a "pill roller down in Kentucky where we forge little thunder bolts--the armored replacement center."

Writing from a Fleet Post Office address Ensign Frederick E. Roedeiger '43 objects to the observation of one of his classmates that restrictions of submarine duty might put a crimp on his style. The undersea restrictions, he writes, are really "the berries" and he reports that he is managing to keep up a fairly respectable social life. One of his buddies, Ray Turner '42, is on board one of Uncle Sam's biggest and newest carriers, "truly a beautiful ship" but of course he can't divulge its name or location. Pfc. C.P. Burrell '43 is in a "hot, moldy, muddy, dirty corner of the world" and says that if he wasn't in a cracker jack outfit, he wouldn't enjoy it a bit. His address is c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

Capt. Carl W. Proehl '39 writes from a San Francisco Fleet Post Office address that he can't tell us much about his activities but indicates that we have read about the campaign he was in in the newspapers. "We are lacking in nothing" he writes, "so no complaints on that score." Lt. George E. Boyer '41 is still in the Tropics and indicates that the Tropics will always be the same with temperatures showing the greatest imaginable variance.

When we last heard from Lieutenant Alfred Sensenbach '42 he was in an Army hospital in England convalescing from an appendectomy. He indicated, however, that by the time we received his letter he would be back on the job once again. Lieutenant Rodney Arner '44, on duty at the Hamilton Field, California weather office, has been keeping up with his social life. His engagement to Mely C. Ober of Bakersfield, California, has been announced.

So much for the mail. Here are some new names on our service list:

Pfc. Robert B. Freeman '42  
APO 464, c/o P.M.  
New York, N.Y.

Pfc. Tracy Storch '45  
Smye Hall, N.C. State College  
Raleigh, N.C.

Charles R. Eisenhart '44  
O-873449 87th NTG., HAAF  
Hondo, Texas

Chaplain David S. Hultsch '38  
c/o U.S. Navy Hospital  
Corona, Calif.

John T. Van Sant '39  
Bainbridge, Md.

Pvt. Franklin B. Bascom '34  
33835422 Co. B, 51st Med. Tng. Bn.  
Camp Barkley, Texas

Joseph Egan '47  
Muhlenberg College  
Allentown, Pa.

Robert Blank '47  
address wanted

Dale M. Johnson '47  
address wanted

Henry W. Schmitt '47  
address wanted

William Pieper '47  
address wanted

Arthur Snyder '47  
address wanted

William E. Diehl '47  
address wanted

Peter Dirschauer '47  
address wanted

Stanley E. Zeeman '45  
address wanted

Henry A. Berger '47  
Muhlenberg College  
Allentown, Pa.

Harold L. Strauss '47  
Muhlenberg College  
Allentown, Pa.



Here are the names and addresses of men who recently have been given APO addresses:

Lt. Hamilton T. Crowell, '28, APO 9212, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.  
 Donald A. Hausman, 33832455, APO 9669, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.  
 Ensign Raymond Turner '42, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.  
 Major Albert H. Shafer, 0213022, APO 9641 c/o P.M. San Francisco, Calif.  
 Lt. Charles L. Garrettson, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Ensign Frederick Roediger '43, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N.Y.  
 Cpl. Thomas R. Meredith, 33345861, APO 451, Shreveport, La.  
 Ensign Charles Moran, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Pfc. J. Windish, 3350449, APO 12886A, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal.  
 Pfc. Charles P. Burrell, '43, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Cal.  
 Lt. John Schmitthenner O-695138, APO 12834, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.  
 Pfc. David P. Weber 33489599, APO 450, c/o P.M., Camp Livingston, La.  
 Pfc. Ernest P. Bollier '43, APO 690, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.  
 Cpl. Joseph Friedman, 32058036, APO 956, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal.  
 Ensign John C. Umlauf, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N.Y.  
 Robert Kroll '44, APO 402, c/o P.M., Nashville, Tenn.  
 Pvt. Alex. Andrejeske, c/o Emb. Army P.O., San Francisco, Cal.  
 Pfc. William Otto, '45, APO 230, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.  
 Lt. Hamilton T. Crowell '28, APO 572, c/o P.M., New York, N.Y.  
 Lt. Alexander Busby '42, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N.Y.  
 Lt. Gordon L. Williams '39, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N.Y.  
 Lt. Paul L. Marzolf '34, c/o Fleet Post Office, Seattle, Wash.

Since you received our last letter the addresses of the following men have been changed. It is impossible to publish full addresses and if you want any of them, drop us a line and we'll send them to you in full by return mail.

Lt. Col. Lee Israell '33  
 Lt. Samuel W. Albright '39  
 Cadet Pern B. Anthony '44  
 Cadet Richard W. Betz '42  
 Pvt. Kenneth Stone  
 Capt. M. William Fetherolf '34  
 Sgt. Charles Roinsmith '41  
 Cadet R.H. Pierce '43  
 Lt. Cmdr. J. Roland Heller '23  
 Lt. Carl Padovano '43  
 Lt. Cmdr. Myles R. Miller '30  
 Wilton Hardy '44  
 Earl E. Rupert '44  
 Wayne F. Schweitzer '45  
 Donald S. Holmes '44  
 Richard H. Geissler '44  
 Lewis F. Steinbach '44  
 Ellis B. Delp '45  
 George E. Grube '44  
 Frank J. Milnes '44  
 David A. Gottlieb '44  
 Sgt. Harold Benjamin '42  
 Lt. Kenneth Struble '43  
 Paul C. Snyder '45  
 Sp.(A) 2/c Harvey F. Gorber '43  
 Pvt. Thomas J. Snyder '46  
 Capt. George S. Smith '28  
 2nd Lt. Maurice Horn '43

Lt. (j.g.) Ray K. Heist '33  
 Henry J. Weidner, S2/c  
 Pfc. G. Weir Cressman '42  
 Lt. John B. Freeman '34  
 Cadet Charles D. Quinn '46  
 Lt. Pete Gorgone '43  
 Pvt. Arlin Bubeck '44  
 Pvt. Paul A. Stover '44  
 Pfc. George P. Nittolo '44  
 Pvt. Samuel Ottinger '43  
 John T. Butz, '38, A/S  
 Rodger M. Volpe '44  
 Gilbert M. Hoffman '44  
 Anthony S. Ursic '46  
 Hugh E. McGee '44  
 Robert G. Hale '44  
 Herbert H. Collins '45  
 William H. McPettridge '44  
 James K. Klemmer '44  
 Edward F. Muller '44  
 Robert H. Snyder '38  
 Lt. Rodney Arner '44  
 A/S Walter W. Weller '44  
 Donald C. Mack '43  
 Cadet Paul C. Balze '44  
 Pvt. William Clapper '41  
 Ph.M. 3/c John F. Keller '37  
 Pvt. William Somerville '42

That's the story for today. We appreciate the letters you fellows have been writing and we have been trying to relay your messages. The staff here in the office says hello--and the best of luck to all of you--individually and collectively.

Sincerely,

*Gordon*

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